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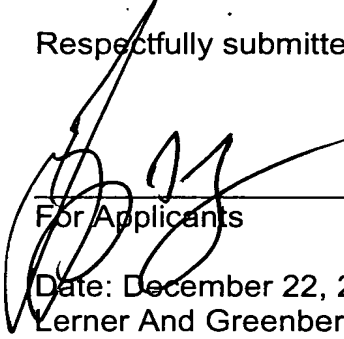
Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

It has been determined that previously submitted DE 101 58 307 and DE 101 37 184 have a publication date of February 20, 2003 and February 27, 2003, respectively, which is after the *effective filing date* of October 30, 2002 of the instant application and are therefore not to be considered prior art.

Please remove these two references from the previously filed IDS.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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